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Observer status for the International Chamber of Commerce in the General Assembly

Report of the Sixth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The item entitled "Observer status for the International Chamber of Commerce in the General Assembly" was included in the agenda of the sixty-seventh session of the General Assembly at the request of France.

2. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 21 September 2012, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.

3. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 11th and 25th meetings, on 16 October and 16 November 2012. The views of the representatives who spoke during the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.6/67/SR.11 and 25).

4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it a letter dated 10 August 2012 from the Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/67/191).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.6/67/L.5

5. At the 11th meeting, on 16 October, the representative of France, on behalf of Finland, France, Monaco and Slovenia, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Observer status for the International Chamber of Commerce in the General Assembly" (A/C.6/67/L.5), which read:

"*The General Assembly*,

"*Wishing* to promote cooperation between the United Nations and the International Chamber of Commerce,

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"1. *Decides* to invite the International Chamber of Commerce to participate in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly in the capacity of observer;

"2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary action to implement the present resolution."

6. At the 25th meeting, on 16 November, the representative of France, on behalf of the sponsors of the draft resolution, proposed that the Committee defer a decision on the request for observer status for the International Chamber of Commerce in the General Assembly to the sixty-eighth session of the Assembly.

7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted a draft decision without a vote (see para. 8).

III. Recommendation of the Sixth Committee

8. The Sixth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Observer status for the International Chamber of Commerce in the General Assembly

The General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Sixth Committee, decides to defer a decision on the request for observer status for the International Chamber of Commerce in the General Assembly[1] to the sixty-eighth session of the Assembly.

[1] See A/67/191.